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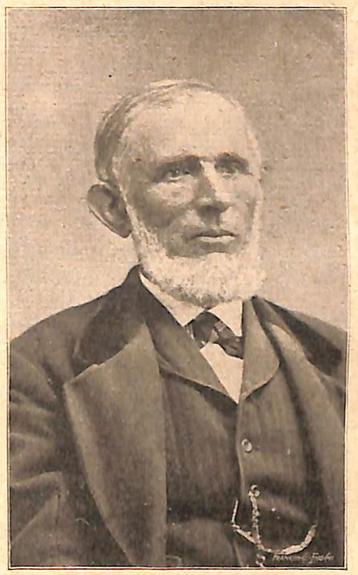

ALEXANDER LAURANCE.

WITH MASONIC HONORS.

REMAINS OF THE LATE FATHER ALEXANDER LAURANCE LAID AT REST YESTERDAY.

With the full honors of the craft of which he was an honored member, the mortal remains of the late "Father" Alexander Laurance were laid at rest yesterday afternoon in Oak Hill cemetery.

The funeral services at the house were conducted by the Revs. Makely, Lockwood, and J. K. Fowler of Clinton, all members of the order, the latter having been for a number of years the beloved pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of this city. Friends and neighbors gathered in large numbers to pay their last respects to the deceased, and the attendance of masons was unusually large. The officers of Crescent lodge No. 25 took charge when the funeral procession started for the cemetery. At the grave the ritualistic services of the order were observed, Rev. Makely assuming the position of worshipful master. The procession marched under the direction of Marshall J. O. Baxter.—Gazette, Feb. 12.

ALL ALONE.

Alas! for him, the last to linger here!
How sad the hour, and oh, the bitter tear,
When shades of parted friends around him thrown,
Will pity him who keeps this feast alone.

What memories then will crowd his lonely heart?
What sighs! Oh why did all my friends depart?
Beyond earth's limit, one by one they've flown,
And left me here to keep this feast alone.

Oh, God of consolation! guide him then
To this bright Cross—this hope of dying men;
Send heavenly cheer down from thy golden throne,
And comfort him who keeps this feast alone.

Tis but a few short years, the bond complete,
We'll clasp his hand and join in union sweet,
No absent friends will melancholy moan,
In weeping hours to keep this feast alone.—
Rob Morris.

A SIGN RECOGNIZED

During the memorable raid that Grant made at Petersburg on the second of April, 1865, when Lee's lines were broken, a young Confederate officer lay on the road severely wounded, and when without a moment's warning, a company of Federal cavalry rode down toward him at full gallop, he saw death staring him in the face. His first thought was that possibly there might be a Mason among them, and he gave a sign of distress, known only to Masons. Then the Federal captain rode quickly to his side, dismounted, and parted the company in the center, without molesting the man in the least. He was quickly picked up, though a prisoner, and taken to the rear and tenderly cared for, and in the course of time entirely restored to health. Bro. H. W. Mason, now a prominent physician of Rockmell, Texas, is anxious to learn the name and residence of the officer who saved his life in answer to a Masonic sign, and asks that this item be published in all the Masonic journals, hoping it may meet his eyes or some one who knows the occurrence.—*Fraternal Record.*

The Charity Committee of the Lodge is a good thing and the Board of Relief is a noble institution, but neither of these divests the brother of his individual duty to relieve distress. The Mason's obligation reconizes no Relief Trust.

Among the Lodges.

MASONIC BRITONS NEW CHIEF.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT NAMED AS GRAND MASTER.

King Yields His Office.

LONDON, Feb. 16, 6 a. m.—There were impressive Masonic functions yesterday. An enormous meeting of Free Masons was held in Queen's Hall, every seat being occupied and the officers of the grand lodge filling the orchestra. The pro-grand master, the Earl of Amherst, proposed an address to the king, tendering the sympathy of the craft on the death of the queen and congratulations upon his accession to the throne. This was supported by the grand masters of western Australia, Ireland, Scotland and the pro-grand master of the Transvaal. The king, following the precedent set by George IV, had decided to relinquish the office of grand master and assume the title of protector of English Free Masons. The Duke of Connaught was nominated for grand master, for election in March.

LET IOWA IMITATE.

It is refreshing to see the disposition of one G. M. who says:

"Contrary to my inclinations in many instances, and much to the disappointment of some brethren who desired to serve on committees in order that they might attend this session and receive mileage and per diem therefor to defray their expenses, I have felt it to be my duty to appoint said committees entirely from the membership of the Grand Lodge. I sincerely trust that this departure from a practice which has well-nigh become a custom, will not be viewed as a reflection upon anyone."—M. W., G. M. Keyser, Nebraska.

IT OUGHT TO BE SO HERE.

Over in Nebraska the G. M. (Keyser) decided that the use of "the word 'Masonic' in the corporate name of an accident insurance company(Why of any?–Ed.) ought not to be approved by the Grand Master, even though said company be controlled by Masons and issue policies to none but Masons."

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

DISTRICT NO. 19.

Leon, Mch. 18, 19, 1901.
Chariton, Mch. 20, 21, 1901.
Lodges No. 63, 77, 78, 91, 109, 152, 170, 183, 189, 193, 212, 228, 301, 344, 355, 372, 375, 410, 414, 437, 438, 443, 483, 554.

DISTRICT NO. 20.

Afton, Mch. 25, 26, 1901.
Corning, Mch. 27, 28, 1901.
Mount Ayr, Mch. 29, 30, 1901.
Lodges No. 138, 151, 156, 179, 215, 275, 320, 343, 348, 354, 386, 396, 458, 459, 484, 515, 522, 539, 555, 558.

DISTRICT NO. 21.

Clarinda, Apl. 8, 9, 1901.
Sidney, Apl. 10, 11, 1901.
Elliott, Apl. 12, 13, 1901.
Lodges No. 137, 140, 153, 162, 253, 270, 285, 300, 341, 360, 373, 378, 379, 405, 412, 439, 453, 481, 493.

A cordial invitation is extended to Masons who visit the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo this year to make headquarters in the Masonic Temple. Even quarters at which to stay can be procured through Bro. N. O. Tiffany, Buffalo, N. Y.

Commanderies.

At Ames there are about twenty Knights Templar, who talk of trying for a Commandery.

Sir Knight F. E Keyser, a well known Mason, of Marion, Iowa, and a Milwaukee conductor on the K, C., died at his home Feb. 20, 1901. Patmus Commandery conducted the funeral. Burial at Tama City.

During the last three triennial conclaves the competitive drilling for prizes has been done away with, but the Louisville fraters will revive the old time custom, and in order to bring about the old friendly rivalry, have offered five magnificent trophies, costing in the aggregate $5,000. None of the Kentucky commanderies will compete. Already such well known Commanderies as Hanselman, of Cincinnati, St. Bernard, of Chicago, Detroit, of Detroit, and Ascalon, of Pittsburg, have signified their willingness to participate, and there are many more to hear from.

For the benefit of all Commanderies who may contemplate the purchase of drill fatigue coats and caps, the Pettibone Bros. Manufacturing Co., of Cincinnati, O., will be pleased to answer all inquiries pertaining to the above feature.

Grant's K. T. Tactics will be the authority used in deciding the contests.

The Scottish Rite.

We are uninformed as yet, what the decision of Iowa Consistory No. 2 will be about consolidation with No. 1 of Clinton; but it does not look promising from either side at present.

All the reunions of which we have had any word since last month's announcements are reported as being unusually successful.

The Eastern Star.

NOT PERSONAL AT ALL.

Our reference to the Iowa law, last month, has evoked a letter from one of the committee on revision, in which the evident feeling is as needless as the claim that we were criticising the committee. Our astute brother should not find fault with us for overlooking it at a time when the whole thing was in fragments, since he acknowledges that his committee passed it over—as Grand Patron we never had occasion to enforce that law or it would have been wearing the green patch when the committee got hold of it. The editor does not concede that the committee nor any grand officer needs to worry over a question stated as we stated it last month, as none of us can claim such distinction as to need to be drawn out in defense of a bad and harmful law which happens to show the cleft in the foot thus late.

The Grand Orient of Italy has started a fund for the assistance of the widows and children of the Italian soldies who lose their lives in the war in China. Over 2,000 lire has already been collected.

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GRAND GATHERINGS.

GRAND LODGE MEETS.
Davenport, June 4, 1901.

W. L. EATON.....Osage.....GRAND MASTER
T. S. Parvin.....Cedar Rapids.....Grand Secretary

CONVOCATIONS, R. A. M.
General Grand (U. S.,) Cincinnati, Sept. 25th, 1900.
Iowa, Grand, Des Moines, October 16, 1900.
N. B. HYATT.....Webster City.....GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Secretary

ASSEMBLIES, R. & S. M.
General Grand (U. S.,)
Iowa, Grand Council, Davenport, Sept., 1901.
A R. DEWEY.....Washington.....M. P. G. M.
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

CONCLAVES K. T.
Grand Encampment, Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27, 1901.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 9, 1901.
D. M. BROWNLEE...Sioux City..GRAND COMMANDER
Alf. Wingate.....Des Moines.....Grand Recorder

GRAND CHAPTERS O. E. S.
General Grand (U. S.,) Sept., 1901, Detroit.
Iowa, Oct. 24, 1901, Sioux City.
FREDA OPPENHEIMER Webster City GRAND MATRON
A. J. Small.....Des Moines.....Grand Patron
Mrs. Maria Jackson...Council Bluffs.....Grand Recorder

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.
Imperial Council, Kansas City, Mo., June 11, 1901.
LOU B. WINSOR...Reed City, Mich....IMP. POTENTATE
Ben. W. Rowell.....Boston, Mass.....Recorder

El-Kahir Temple, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
B. M. CLEVELAND.....Waterloo.....POTENTATE
John Westley Geiger...Cedar Rapids.....Recorder

REMOVED.

The office address of this journal is now 216 S. 6th St., Cedar Rapids, instead of Marion. Exchanges and all correspondents kindly notice and make the change.

We had the pleasure of meeting Bro. L. N. Moore, of Ames, Iowa, who is agent for Pettibone Bros. Mfg. Co., of Cincinnati. He says his house is getting a nice western business.

From published reports we learn of the discontinuance of *The Orient and Sheaf*, Kansas City—no cause given—and *The Trestle-Board*, San Francisco, by the death of Bro. Plummer—the latter will be a great loss to Masonry generally.

At Tama City recently we stayed over night at the Soleman and found that Frank Ward, late with the Clifton House, had been "passed" since we last met him.

We are glad to see the reaction upon Rear Admiral Sampson's own head of his "refinement" recommendation in the case of Gunner Morgan. This is no day for such ridiculous classifications and when such a record is shown it is time to advance the worthy and retire the other man.

While it is possible to charge "atrocities" against civilized armies on foreign soil there is yet much for religion and fraternity to do. If religion is diverted into channels of competition then the fraternal obligation is the heavier for the "handmaid" becomes the burden bearer for two.

MAKING MASONS.

The use of such a term is merely a phrase and has no meaning such as is put upon it. No Grand Master on earth can make any man on earth a mason "at sight", or at any other period in all his life. He may confer titles, degrees, grades or orders by which he may wear the *insignia* of the Order but to *make him a mason* is an inward qualification and not an outward imposition. Each man who passes through its Solemn Ceremonies is "thereby the better enabled" if he applies himself to the evolution of the self-making process. We each of us are the craftsmen who is to shape the rough Ashlar, by the use of the symbolic working tools of Masonry into a perfect Ashlar of masonic usefulness. A man may become a "wise and accomplished Fseemason" but no man can make another a mason.

The Mystic Shrine.

El Kahir Temple held another successful meeting on February 22, keeping open house afternoon and night and giving one of her best ceremonials. The next will be on March 22, when there will be work.

Fred Longhurst was appointed assistant director, vice Henry Erffmeyer removed to Omaha.

At the meeting February 22, 1901, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, In the course of nature, one of our noble brothers, A. R. Foote, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has passed within the black tent of death, be it

Resolved, That we, the Nobles of El Kahir temple of the Mystic Shrine, do express to the bereaved widow, Mrs. A. R. Foote, our heartfelt sympathy at her and our great loss. To us he was as faithful as any of our tribe. His friends were our hosts. His virtues to us so numerous that we stand bereft with his sorrowing family. Be it

Resolved, That these words of remembrance be spread upon our records and published to the world.

GEO. W. EAKLE,
C. P. EMERSON.
M. S. JACKSON.

Jno. W. Geiger, E. I. Alderman, W. I. Earhart, E. O. Soule and Lew W. Anderson were appointed railroad committee to arrange for the Kansas City train in June.

DID THE "JUKE" TAKE IT?

DUKE IS PLEASED WITH HIS INITIATION IN THE MYSTIC SHRINE DEGREE.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 24.—The Duke and Duchess of Manchester, with Lord Lambert left to-night for New York, and will sail next Wednesday for England. The duke will return next June to witness the yacht races. The duke received the Mystic Shrine degrees at the Masonic Temple here this week. He will return for the reunion of his class next year. He stated that degrees are conferred here in a manner that has been a revelation to him, and he will endeavor to induce the Duke of Cornwall, King Edward's eldest son, to visit this city with him and be initiated into the mysteries of the shrine.

Like a flying caravan all across the continent went Imperial Potentate Winsor and his Saladin retinue, February 25, passing through Iowa on the 26th. They breakfasted at Des Moines. John D. Holsman, Guthrie Center; James Ashworth, Valley Junction; F. O. Evans and wife joined them here. Sir Knight S. T. Berry, Des Moines, and Noble Dr. Smith, of Cedar Rapids, preceded the caravan to Honolulu. Some of the press reports show the usual ignorance of the order.

IMPERIAL CIRCULARS.

The Imperial Potentate announces his absence "off the earth" February 23, to April 18, 1901, and that I. D. P., 3216 N. 15th St., Philadelphia, will act for him *interim*. The date for the Imperial Council, June 11, 12, 1901, Kansas City, with headquarters at Hotel Baltimore, is fixed. Hotel committee (to whom write for quarters) is F. E. Turner, 115 W. 19th St., Kansas City, Mo. The list of committees is given.

Next the judgment day!

Every Noble of the Mystic Shrine is a Mason—every law of the Mystic Shrine is tinged with the personalle of its membership, therefore for a Potentate to practice solicitation to get the Nobles of other temples in or out of the jurisdiction of his temple to demit and join his, is dastardly and derogatory and he is well dubbed a traitor who does it.

At Tama and Toledo there are a number of available gentlemen of the "prerequisite" for this live Order.

Moila Temple will miss the active and congenial Recorder, Noble A. M. Worden, who has removed to Pittsburgh, Kansas, where he becomes a member of a milling firm. Wherever he goes he'll be popular.

Illustrious Recorder and Nobles: Should John L. Lott present a visiting card from Moslem Temple, take it up and return it to me and give him the "glad foot." He

obtained a receipt for $2.00 dues and card by fraud. He is not a member. Yours in the Sands.

W. M. Bailey, Recorder.

Fraternities.

By making a few clippings the past month we were almost tempted to head this department "Anti-Fraternities."

SHOT BY A WOMAN IN INITIATION.

MAN WOUNDED THROUGH THE USE OF A LOADED REVOLVER IN MISTAKE.

Kokomo, Ind., Feb. 19.—Milton Haney was accidently shot to-night by a woman member of the local tribe of Daughters of Pocahontas in an initiation ceremony held at the lodgeroom. In mistake she used a revolver that had fallen from the pocket of a member instead of the one filled with blank cartridges provided for the occasion. The bullet struck Haney's shoulder, badly shattering it.

THE FUNDS ARE HELD UP.

N. M. GOODSON REFUSES TO TURN THE FRATERNAL CHOPPERS' MONEY OVER.

Boone, Feb. 15.—The Fraternal Choppers of America, a new fraternal and insurance organization, recently organized, with the head camp at Boone, is having a family jar. Some weeks ago, the treasurer, N. M. Goodson, reported a loss of about $200, by robbery, at his residence of funds belonging to the order. The head officers did not like the looks of things and suspended Goodson pending an investigation. Now Goodson refuses to turn over any funds or books and has secured an injunction against his successor.

The board of control of the endowment rank K. of P. began at the close of the Supreme Lodge to reverse the order of things and turn out the "ins." John A. Hinsey, president, Stolte, secretary, Kennedy and others have walked the plank, and now the secular press is publishing the announcement that "the Neal faction was victorious over the Hinsey faction" which is an unseemly and injurious announcement to make. Meanwhile the Endowment Rank suffers from the assault.

The Fraternal Bankers Reserve is a new order started in this city by J. W. Rowe, R. A. Moses, et al., who tried to go after the Supreme President of the M. B. A. last fall. Their rates are an improvement over the new run and if the motive is right they may succeed.

Book Table and Invitations.

The best way to get the booklet of the Pan-American--had best send to Pan-American Bureau of Publicity, Buffalo. The shapely spirit of the Falls is a fitting frontispiece.

The Pettibones of Cincinnati have us on their thankee hook for a "wishbone" pin so beautiful that one of our girls hooked it instanter.

Alf. Wingate sends us the directories of Grand Chapter and Grand Commandery for 1901.

We have the Trans-Missouri Official Railway Guide for February, 1901, giving the time of trains for Nebraska, Kansas and the Dakotas. Price 15 cents. Omaha, Neb.

The Albany and Raenssalaer Masonic Directory, Albany, N. Y., 1901, is at hand and is a neat, useful pamphlet.

HERE'S THE HOT STUFF.

The *Post-Intelligencer* says:

"A subscriber writes to know whether the Prince of Wales is a Mason. He has taken the thirty-third degree of that order."

The Prince of Wales enjoys a higher rank in Freemasonry than that given by the P. I. He is a Master Mason, and has been the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England for many years. Those who answer the question, "Is he a Mason?" by saying, "Yes, he is a thirty-third or a Knight Templar," manifest ignorance of an ancient and honorable fraternity. The highest degree of ancient Craft Masonry is the third or Master Mason's degree with its concomitant, the Holy Royal Arch. The so-called thirty-third degree is no part of pure Masonry. It is not ancient, but is a modern side degree belonging to the Scottish Rite alone. Other modern rites have degrees numbered as high, or higher, than the thirty-third. For instance, the Memphis rite has a ninety-sixth. So has the Egyptian rite. But it is absurd to call any of these innovations Masonry.

All the Masonry they can claim for any of these modern rites is the fact that their membership is limited to those who have received the third degree of the Ancient Craft Masonry.

A man's knowledge of Freemasonry can not be determined by his watch chain or other ornamentation of his person. Many of the fraternity who have received only the third degree, understand the general principles of Freemasonry far better than many of those who wear the Maltese or the Teutonic Cross.

We know thirty-thirds and Knights Templar who are so ignorant of the Masonic ritual that they are unable to fill an office in the lodge, or visit unless someone is present to vouch for them.

A thorough student of Freemasonry is disgusted when he hears in answer to the question, "Is he a Mason?" "Yes, he is a thirty-third, or he is a Knight Templar." Some day perhaps, nothing will do except the response, "Yes. he is a shriner."

There is just as much Freemasonry in the so-called ancient order nobles of the Mystic Shrine, as there is in the commandery or in the consistory.

The membership of all the "ancient" orders is confined to those who have received the Masonic degrees. That is all the Masonry they contain. The principles taught in Odd Fellowship are nearer those of genuine Freemasonry than are those of many of these Satellites of the ancient fraternity.

For instance, no man can become a Knight Templar unless he believes in the Christian religion.* Freemasonry requires no religious opinion as a requisite for membership. The Scottish rite is a little more liberal in this respect, and among its members may be found the Jew. In this the Scottish rite follows the traditions of its mother fraternity, which is essentially Jewish in its organization. Even the Order of the Eastern Star, which rightly claims to be no part of Freemasonry, so far follows that ancient fraternity, in choosing its heroines from the Hebrew race.

Now, it would be just as appropriate to answer the question put by the subscriber of the *Post-Intelligencer* to the editor of that paper, to say that the Prince of Wales is Past Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, should our Royal Brother have attained that rank in the O. E. S., as to say that he is a thirty-third.—*Canadian Craftsman*

* In Canada he must believe, not merely in the Christian religion, but in the Trinity also.—Ed. C. C.

BODY BROUGHT TO CANADA.

A SOLDIER KILLED IN PHILIPPINES LOOKED AFTER BY THE MASONS.

Facts are sometimes stranger than fiction, and they proved so in the case of Stephen Leonard, a young man well known in the vicinity of Schomberg.

Some years ago the subject of this sketch left his home in Schomberg and located in the United States. For a time his parents who still reside in Schomberg, regularly received letters from their son, but these communications ceased about the time the war broke out in the Philippines. The son had enlisted and gone with the American troops, and not wishing his parents to be given any worry on his account, had not informed them of this step.

On Wednesday, May 30 last, the young soldier was killed in action, 14,000 miles away from home, and so closely had he guarded his identity that no trace of his home or relatives could be found among his effects. The body was embalmed by the United States war officials and sent to San Francisco, where it was interred in the National Cemetery.

While in the United States the young man had become a member of the Masonic Order, and at the time of his departure for the Philippines belonged to a lodge in New York city. The lodge finally heard of his death, and immediately began proceedings to secure the body and restore it to his relatives. This was no easy task, but they finally succeeded, after great expense, in locating the body of their dead brother in

the San Francisco cemetery. Then the search for his relatives began, and they were eventually located in Schomberg.

The Masons then exhumed the body and enclosed it in a substantial metalic casket, encased in a beautiful oak casket, and restored it his father and mother. The embalming of the body was so perfectly done that on its arrival at Schomberg a few days ago it was almost as natural as life, though death had ensued seven months before in a tropical country. The last sad rites were conduced in the Friend's Cemetery, at Schomberg, on Sunday, December 30, by the Masonic Order.

The relatives of the deceased were not asked to contribute one cent towards bringing the body from the Philippines or the final burial. Had it not been for the patient zeal displayed by the Masonic Order in searching for their missing brother until they found him, his bereaved parents would forever have remained in ignorance of his tragic death and resting place.—*Alliston Herald.*

PEERLESS IS MASONRY.

It is the true philosophy to accredit the true cause of the greatness of Masonry to what *it is*; and not to confound true cause and effect by crediting to the imperfect examples in any age what inheres in itself. Few men (relatively) have borne with safety or humility the temporary power entrusted to them as leaders, and many have prostituted office to attain personal ends. Some have gone beyond the usual excess in covering the nakedness of their own moral lives under its official cloak and it all has been the more difficult for the great truths and tenets of Masonry to prevail. He who, as a man, kept the vows of high purpose, said to his followers "He that would be greatest among you let him be the servant of all!" It is with the sense of the high approbation that must rest upon the "Ancient Institution" that we accredit to it the peerless attributes it retains in the face of many abuses wrought within its fellowship, "Truth crushed to earth will 'rise again," and the sublime spirit of Masonry will continue to prevail. It will go on in its conquest of "brotherly love, relief and truth," until men shall inquire more dilligently after the deeper meaning of its staying peerless power.

JOURNALISTIC IGNORANCE.

The remarkably meaningless item that went the rounds of the press last month about the kingly splendors of the Grand Commander of the S. M. J. is of a piece with much that Masonic owners of the daily papers permit (in their ignorance) to go abroad as news. While the Holy House of the Temple is a suitable home for so high an officer it is not a museum whose contents need be advertised. But about the least intelligent of all is the assertion that "Mr. Richardson becomes the world's ranking mason." It is high time that some attention be called to the ignorant well-to-do—never present—masons who run newspapers, with a view to instructing them in Masonic history. Th're are no Ranking Masons—when a Brother is placed in office; he may be "firs' among his equals," but he outranks none of his Brothers. How delightful a mixture the press makes of Brother Richardson's political and Masonic pedigree.

Grand Master Wagner, of Pennsylvania, looks with disfavor upon freaks of typographical achitecture. Referring to Lodge notices, in his annual address, he said that "under apparent competition the Lodge notice was becoming a thing of ugliness and grief." He recommended that the Grand Lodge prep're a proper form for use of all Lodges, "and compliance therewith insisted on, so that the present incongruous combinations may be prohibited and prevented."

The Grand Master of Pennsylvania ruled that "It is not permitted to have a choir chant the Lord's Prayer in a Lodge during the conferring of a degree. All work must be as authorized, without addition or amendment."

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